

**Sullivan County Delegation Meeting
June 1, 2006 6:15 PM
County Commissioners Conference Room
14 Main Street, Newport, NH 03773**

Attending:

Rep. John Cloutier
Rep. Larry Converse
Rep. Brenda Ferland
Rep. Peter Franklin
Rep. Arthur Jillette
Rep. Chris Irish
Rep. Harry Gale
Rep. Stephen Pritchard
Rep. Philip Osgood
Rep. James Phinizy
Rep. Beverly Rodeschin

Absent:

Rep. Tom Donovan

Visitors:

Commissioner Donald Clarke
Commissioner Ethel Jarvis
Sheriff Michael Prozzo
Registrar of Deeds Sharron King
County Attorney Marc Hathaway
Ed Gil de Rubio, County Manager

The meeting of the full delegation was called to order at 6:15pm. .

Agenda item no. 1 Review and ratify Elected Official salaries

The first item of business was the setting of salaries for the elected officials. Rep. Ferland presented the recommendations of the Executive Finance Committee.

Rep. Ferland moved, and Rep. Converse seconded to accept the EFC recommended salaries [3 Commissioners \$9,500 for each one, \$4,771 for County Treasurer, \$70,055 for County Attorney, \$54,000 for Sheriff and \$45,714 for Registrar of Deeds] (Copy on file) for elected officials. There ensued a rather heated discussion about the figures being proposed. Rep. Gale noted that the county had done a study of salaries during the year 2000 in which the elected officials participated. He noted that had the Executive Finance Committee followed these recommendations the salaries of the elected officials would have been higher than the Executive Finance Committee's current recommendations. Rep. Rodeschin noted that the higher figures would only add 3/10ths of one cent to the tax rate. Rep. Ferland felt that she could not justify increasing the amount of the current Executive Finance Committee recommendation.

Rep. Gale moved, and Rep. Irish seconded, to modify certain elected officials' salaries as follows: Registry of Deeds to \$50,952; County Sheriff to \$60,949; and County Attorney to \$72,157. These figures add about \$15,000 to the total cost of these salaries. Rep. Irish and Rep. Osgood spoke in support of increasing the amounts of the salaries.

The question was called by Rep. Osgood and seconded by Rep. Ferland with a show of hands and passed.

On the amendment to accept the salary levels proposed by Rep. Gale. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yes: Gale, Irish, Osgood, Pritchard, and Rodeschin

No: Cloutier, Converse, Ferland, Franklin, Houde-Quimby, Jillette, Phinizy 5-7, vote failed.

Back to the main motion [from Rep. Ferland and Converse]. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yes: Cloutier, Converse, Ferland, Franklin, Houde-Quimby; Jillette

No: Gale, Irish, Osgood, Pritchard, Rodeschin, and Phinizy

Vote Tied: Vote failed

6:55 Commissioners and County Manager left the meeting to hold the Public Hearing
The delegation decided to continue meeting beyond 7:00pm.

Rep. Pritchard moved, and Rep. Rodeschin seconded, to reconsider the vote to defeat the Executive Finance Committee recommendation. The motion to reconsider was approved by a show of hands. The reconsidered vote was as follows:

Yes: Converse, Ferland, Franklin, Jillette, Houde-Quimby, Phinizy, Pritchard, and Cloutier

No: Gale, Irish, Osgood, and Rodeschin

The motion passed to approve the EFC suggested salary levels.

Agenda item no. 2 permission for emergency fund transfer to Delegation budget for this current fiscal year

The next agenda item was an emergency transfer of \$3,000 from the Emergency line item to the Delegation line item to cover an account overage for the current fiscal year. A report on the delegation expenditures was passed out.

Rep. Rodeschin moved, and Rep. Converse seconded a motion that the delegation forgo the fourth quarter mileage and attendance pay until the following obligations are paid: 1) Auditor's additional costs for additional meeting, 2) Public hearing, 3) Convention, 4) Advertising, 5) and any other items that relate to the delegation expenditures. Rep. Rodeschin spoke in favor of her motion. Rep. Phinizy called the question, Rep. Rodeschin seconded calling the question. Motion defeated by a show of hands. The discussion continued. Additional questions were asked to clarify the issues. Rep. Pritchard and Rep. Gale spoke against the motion. Rep. Franklin spoke against the motion. Rep. Ferland explained that the money transfer procedure was a standard procedure. The motion went to a roll call vote:

Yes: Rodeschin, Converse

No: Ferland, Franklin, Houde-Quimby; Irish; Jillette; Osgood; Cloutier; Gale; Phinizy; Pritchard

Vote failed 2-10.

There was a motion by Rep. Ferland, seconded by Rep. Gale, to transfer \$3,000 from the Emergency Reserve line item to the Delegation line item. Roll call vote was as follows:

Yes: Converse; Ferland; Franklin; Gale; Houde-Quimby; Irish; Phinizy; Jillette; Osgood; Pritchard; Cloutier

No: Rodeschin

Agenda Item No. 3 Minutes: Review and Approve

Rep. Phinizy moved, and Rep. Houde-Quimby seconded, to approve the minutes of March 24, and May 10, 2006. Motion passed by voice vote. Rep. Rodeschin abstained as she was not present at part of one meeting.

Agenda Item No. 1 - revisited

Rep. Gale moved, and Rep. Osgood seconded, that the minutes are to show that the delegation had not complied with the salary plan they adopted in 1999. It was noted by Rep. Irish that this motion was not appropriate but was a personal opinion, which he would like to concur to. Rep. Rodeschin concurred also. Rep. Houde-Quimby agreed as well. The County Attorney said these officials agreed to participate in a single system for setting salaries. He said there are serious inequities, especially for the Sheriff and the Registrar of Deeds, but they agreed to go along with the system.

Rep. Pritchard moved, and Rep. Gale seconded, to reconsider the last considered motion on elected officials salaries. By hand vote of 7 yes, 5 no, reconsideration was approved.

Rep. Gale moved, and Rep. Irish seconded, that the following salaries be changed:

- Registrar of Deeds to \$50,952**
- County Sheriff to \$60,949**
- County Attorney to \$72,157. Rep. Gale spoke in favor of his motion. Rep. Ferland spoke in defense of the Finance Committee motion. It was decided to divide the question and vote on salaries separately. Rep. Houde-Quimby spoke in favor of the Executive Finance Committee motion. Sheriff Prozzo spoke in favor of the motion.**

Rep. Irish moved to make the Commissioners salaries \$8,500 each. Rep. Gale withdrew his motion. The vote on three Commissioners salaries at \$8,500 each was 6-6. Tie vote failed.

A hand vote on the Treasurer's salary at \$4,771 was 12-0. Vote passed.

A hand vote on the County Attorney's salary at \$72,157 was 7-5. Vote passed.

A hand vote on the Sheriff's salary at \$60,949 was 7-5. Vote passed.

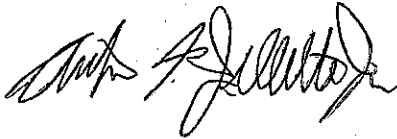
A hand vote on the Registrar of Deeds salary at \$50,952 was 9-3. Vote passed.

A hand vote on the Commissioners salary at \$9,500 each was 8-4. Vote passed.

Agenda Item No. 4

Rep. Irish moved, and Osgood seconded, a motion to adjourn. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur G. Gillette, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Arthur G. Gillette, Jr.,
Delegation Clerk

AJ/s.j-c.